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DATE: MAY 27 1979

SUBJECT: TURKEY-GREECE: AEGEAN SEA DISPUTE 25X1A2g

REF: [REDACTED]

ANKARA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAS DISPATCHED A "RESEARCH"
SHIP TO ENGAGE IN PRELIMINARY OIL EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN SEA.
THE SHIP IS BEING ESCORTED BY TURKISH WARSHIPS. 25X1X6

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THE NAVY'S ROLE WOULD BE TO "ASSIST" THE RESEARCH
VESSEL. ALTHOUGH THE AREA TO BE EXPLORED WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY
IDENTIFIED, A PRESS REPORT FROM TURKEY INDICATES THAT IT WILL BE
IN WATERS "CLAIMED BY GREECE."

ANKARA IMPATIENT OVER ATHENS' REFUSAL TO COMMIT THE PROBLEM

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TO NEGOTIATION, APPARENTLY IS PENDING--AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT--
ITS "RIGHTS" IN THE AREA UNDER A MILITARY COVER. THE GREEKS ARE
ON RECORD AS STATING THAT ANKARA'S EXPLORATION IN THE (UNTESTED)
WATERS WOULD BE REGARDED AS "ILLEGAL" AND WOULD LEAD GREECE TO
DEFEND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS WITH FORCE. 25X1X6

A. FLOTILLA
CONSISTING OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF CRUISERS, FOUR SUBMARINES,
NINE MINESWEEPERS, AND SEVERAL GUNBOATS PUT OUT TO SEA EARLIER
TODAY FROM THE TURKISH BASE AT GOLCUK ON THE MARMARA SEA. THE
FLOTILLA COULD REACH THE EASTERN AEGEAN BY EARLY EVENING EST.
AFTER MANEUVERING IN THE EASTERN AEGEAN, THE WARSHIPS ARE SCHEDULED
TO PARTICIPATE WITH US NAVAL FORCES IN A SMALL EXERCISE IN THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE GULF OF ISKENDERUN FROM JUNE 1-7.
US PARTICIPATION WILL INVOLVE AT LEAST FIVE VESSELS AND ABOUT
1,000 SUBMARINES. 25X1X6

B. TURKISH
ARMY AND NAVAL UNITS WERE PUT ON "STANDBY" ALERT IN CONNECTION
WITH THE EXPLORATION PLANS. THE ALERT HAD BEEN

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PLANNED LONG AGO AND WAS INTENDED TO SERVE AS A DEMONSTRATION AND WARNING TO GREECE. 25X1X6A

25X1X6 [REDACTED] THE MILITARY MANEUVERS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE AEGEAN WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITHIN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. [REDACTED] THIS WAS BEING DONE TO AVOID GIVING THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ANY REASON FOR CLAIMING THAT TURKEY HAD PROVOKED AN INCIDENT. 25X1X6

25X1X6 [REDACTED] THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING THE SITUATION DOWN BY INDICATING THAT THE TURKS CAN SURVEY ANYWHERE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. 25X1X6

25X1X6 [REDACTED] THE GREEKS WOULD FEEL DIFFERENTLY, HOWEVER, SHOULD TURKEY BEGIN DRILLING OPERATIONS AT A LATER DATE. 25X1X6

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